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Paul Morabito, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
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Dear Mr. Morabito:

I am writing to express my support for the Pacific Shores Feasibility Study, Phase II funding to be considered on your agenda this month.

This project expands the effort underway to acquire from willing sellers lots within the Pacific Shores subdivision in Del Norte County. With approval of Phase II, 330 lots will be acquired, adding 175 acres to the Lake Earl Wildlife Area. The area represents a unique natural resource and is outstanding wildlife region. Acquisition of the parcels in this subdivision will go a long way toward resolving conservation issues in the area.

I urge your favorable consideration of the Smith River Alliance request for funding of this important project.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress
1st District of California

cc: Supervisor Sarah Sampels

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May 13, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my support for State Coastal Conservancy funding for Phase II of the Pacific Shores Feasibility Study.

State acquisition of Pacific Shores lots and the restoration of the Lake Earl wetlands complex has been a statewide priority since the passage of the Coastal Act in the 1970s, when the lagoons were rated as one of California's 19 most valuable coastal wetlands. It is a top priority natural resource and wildlife habitat that provides refuge for numerous endangered and rare species, as well as a popular fishing and waterfowl hunting area.

I was very pleased to learn that under Phase I of this project, the Smith River Alliance (SRA) is transferring up to 140 lots to the State of California to be included in the Lake Earl Wildlife Area. I understand that within a few months, SRA has received close to 400 inquiries from interested sellers.

The Wildlife Conservation Board has earmarked \$3,000,000 in purchase money to acquire lots from willing sellers. SRA has agreed to undertake the task of identifying sellers, conducting negotiations and preparing purchase agreements. Funding for Phase II of the project will likely result in the addition of 330 more lots, or 175 acres, to the Lake Earl Wildlife Area.

I urge you to fund Phase II of the Pacific Shores Feasibility Study. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

PATTY BERG
Assemblymember, 1st District

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The Resources Agency

Memorandum

To: Mr. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, California 94612

Date: MAY 17 2004

From: **Wildlife Conservation Board, 1807 13th Street, Suite 103, Sacramento, California 95814-7137**
(916) 445-8448 Fax (916) 324-1712

Subject: Lake Earl Wildlife Area, Pacific Shores Unit, Del Norte County, Feasibility Study Phase II

The work of the State Coastal Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Board and Smith River Alliance to acquire lots in the Pacific Shores Subdivision has been a model of coordinated, cooperative and efficient effort. In six months we have fielded inquiries from over 350 lot owners. As I write this letter, we are working to complete the May and June closings of approximately 72 lots, having already acquired 65 lots in April 2004.

At our November 2003 Board meeting, \$3,000,000 was allocated to acquire lots from willing sellers for the purpose of preserving the habitat of numerous species, including three that appear on federal or State lists of endangered species. Acquired lands become additions to the Lake Earl Wildlife Area. In December 2003, with the appraisal update complete and approved by the Department of General Services, the Smith River Alliance took the lead in identifying willing sellers, conducting negotiations and preparing purchase agreements. It would have been impossible to accomplish all that has been accomplished without the involvement of the Smith River Alliance.

The professionalism and efficiency of the Smith River Alliance has been outstanding in every aspect of this project. With approval of Phase II, Smith River Alliance will be able to respond to demonstrated landowner interest in the Program resulting in the purchase of an additional 330 lots – 175 acres of wildlife habitat to be added to the State's Lake Earl Wildlife Area.

I urge you to renew funding for the Pacific Shore Feasibility Project.

Al Wright

Al Wright
Executive Director



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May 10, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

BY FAX: 510-286-3840

Dear Mr. Morabito:

Re: Support for Pacific Shores Program Phase II

I am writing on behalf of the Coastwalk Board of Directors to let you know that I strongly support the proposed State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) funding for Phase II of the Pacific Shores Program (Pacific Shores Feasibility Study).

It was great to hear that under Phase I of this project, the Smith River Alliance (SRA) is conveying up to 140 lots to the State of California for inclusion in the Lake Earl Wildlife Area. It is impressive that within a short period of time SRA has received more than 350 inquiries from interested sellers within the unfortunate subdivision.

Sincerely,


Richard Nichols
Executive Director

Del Norte Humboldt Mendocino Sonoma Marin San Francisco San Mateo Santa Cruz
Monterey San Luis Obispo Santa Barbara Ventura Los Angeles Orange San Diego

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REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 1054, EUREKA, CALIFORNIA 95502



May 13, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

BY FAX: 510-286-3840

Dear Mr. Morabito:

Re: Support for Pacific Shores Program Phase II

I am writing to let you know that Redwood Region Audubon Society (RRAS) strongly supports the proposed State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) funding for Phase II of the Pacific Shores Program (Pacific Shores Feasibility Study).

It was great to hear that under Phase I of this project, the Smith River Alliance (SRA) is conveying up to 140 lots to the State of California for inclusion in the Lake Earl Wildlife Area. It is impressive that within a short period of time SRA has received more than 350 inquiries from interested sellers within the unfortunate subdivision.

With approval of Phase II, SRA will be able to respond to demonstrated landowner interest in the Program resulting in the addition of 330 more lots, or 175 acres, to the Lake Earl Wildlife Area.

The opportunity to proceed with a systematic program of landowner contact and negotiation for individual Pacific Shores subdivision lots will never come again. **The Wildlife Conservation Board** has earmarked \$3,000,000 in purchase money to acquire lots from willing sellers, and the public is fortunate that a nonprofit like SRA is willing to undertake the extremely labor-intensive task of identifying willing sellers, conducting negotiations and preparing purchase agreements.

In conclusion, RRAS would especially like to thank the SCC Board and staff for their leadership on this critical coastal conservation project.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Clark, President

A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

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May 11, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, Ca. 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

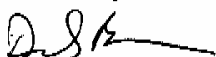
Re: Support for Pacific Shores project Phase II

I have recently moved to the Del Norte Coast from the Mendocino Coast and I am delighted to have learned that there is an effort to preserve the wetland area at Lake Earl. I support the proposed State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) funding for Phase II of the Pacific Shores Project.

The residents of Del Norte County and in particular, Crescent City and the Fort Dick area are fortunate to have the opportunity to proceed with the purchase of lots for the inclusion of the Lake Earl Wildlife Area.

I would like to say thank you to the SCC Board and the staff for having the leadership to preserve this area which is so critical for the coastal conservation project.

Sincerely,



Debra Broner
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Fort Dick, Ca. 95538

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FROM :

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May. 11 2004 05:54PM P1

Date: May 11, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman

State Coastal Conservancy

1330 Broadway, Suite 1100

Oakland, CA 94612

BY FAX: 510-286-3840

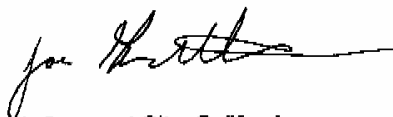
Dear Mr. Morabito:

Re: Support for Pacific Shores Program Phase II

I am writing to let you know that our family strongly supports the proposed State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) funding for Phase II of the Pacific Shores Program (Pacific Shores Feasibility Study).

We also send our thanks to the SCC Board for their efforts in protecting this endangered lagoon ecosystem known as Lake Earl.

Sincerely, Joe Gartland



610 Sand Hill Road, Crescent City, California

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May 10, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

BY FAX: 510-286-3840

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I am writing to let you know that I strongly support the proposed State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) funding for Phase II of the Pacific Shores Project.

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The opportunity to proceed with a systematic program of landowner contact and negotiation for individual Pacific Shores subdivision lots will never come again. The Wildlife Conservation Board has earmarked \$3,000,000 in purchase money to acquire lots from willing sellers, and the public is fortunate that a nonprofit like SRA is willing to undertake the extremely labor-intensive task of identifying willing sellers, conducting negotiations and preparing purchase agreements.

In conclusion, I would especially like to thank the SCC Board and staff for their leadership on this critical coastal conservation project.

Yours sincerely,

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May 12, 2004

Paul Morabito
State Coastal Conservancy (SCC)
1330 Broadway, Ste. 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito,

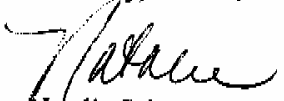
I am writing you to ask for your support for the proposed SCC funding of the Pacific Shores project in Del Norte County.

Currently, the Smith River Alliance is in the process of locating willing sellers in the Pacific Shores subdivision, an unfortunate land boondoggle of many years ago. They have been successful in obtaining 140 lots under Phase I of this project. Since the land is not developable, it stands to reason that it should be purchased for preservation and added to the adjacent Lake Earl Wildlife Area.

Phase II will allow the continued acquisition of these lots by willing sellers. The Alliance has received over 400 inquiries, which indicates many more landowners wishing to be rid of their land that isn't suitable for building upon. Your support and funding will allow this precious and fragile ecosystem to be preserved forever.

Thank you for the continued efforts of the SCC to protect critical coastal habitat.

Sincerely,



Natalie Schaefer, M.S.
Owner



May 10, 2004

Paul Morabito
Chair, California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Attn: Karyn Gear

Dear Mr. Morabito:

RE: Support for Pacific Shores Feasibility Study Phase II

Lake Earl Audubon is the Del Norte county branch of the Redwood Region Audubon Society. We support the highest priority for funding of the Pacific Shores Feasibility Study Phase II.

We support acquisition of any and all lots in the Pacific Shores subdivision, even if only a few lots can be acquired. This is because the subdivision is a true mosaic of coastal wetlands, dunes and other rare and endangered habitats. Virtually every lot has significant habitat value.

Essentially every lot reflects some part of the subdivision's biological diversity: In the internationally recognized, species-rich Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion, Del Norte county's coastal floodplain is the only coastal plain habitat. This plain, and the Pacific Shores subdivision in particular, is therefore home to an important concentration of endemic butterfly species, and remnant and relict populations of rare and endangered

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plants and butterflies, including the federally listed Oregon Silverspot Butterfly. The subdivision is vital habitat for the federally Endangered Oregon Silverspot, supporting at least half of its Lake Earl population, according to Dr. Paul C. Hammond with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Acquisitions are essential to protect and restore this biological hotspot.

These acquisitions will protect and enhance the state's already considerable investment in this biologically diverse coastal lagoon and wetlands complex, and in its related kayaking, canoeing, sailing, waterfowl hunting, fishing, birdwatching, botanizing, nature study, and other popular recreational activities. Enabling lagoon management at more natural levels, thus increasing its wetland edge, will increase biodiversity, improve duck hunting and birdwatching alike, and enhance opportunities for all recreational pursuits.

The Lake Earl lagoon wetlands and uplands are one of the most popular birdwatching areas in bird-rich Del Norte County. You may not be aware that even with the small geographic area of our county, we have a birdlist of more than 400 species, which is more recorded bird species than 18 other entire U.S. states and nine Canadian provinces and territories. With 300 recorded bird species right in the lagoon basin, Lake Earl is obviously the heart and soul of Del Norte county birding.

We look forward to more complete protection for this diverse, species-rich area.

Sincerely yours,



Alan Barron
President
Lake Earl Audubon Branch

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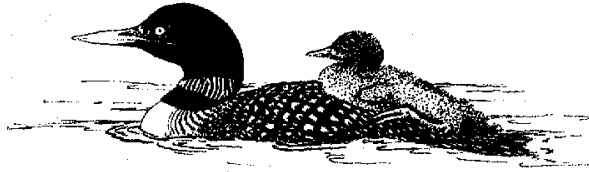
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Flight Feathers Wild Bird Rescue

Patricia Grady
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Crescent City, CA 95531
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Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

Re: Support for Pacific Shores Project Phase II

As a sea, shore and marsh bird rehabilitator living in Crescent City, I strongly support the proposed State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) funding for Phase II of the Pacific Shores Project.

I understand that many lot owners are interested in selling, and this can be only good news for the many birds that rely so heavily on these lagoons. Approval of Phase II enables the SRA (Smith River Alliance) to purchase more lots to enlarge the Lake Earl Wildlife Area, and will hopefully encourage those who are working so hard to ensure viable management of the LEWA without disenfranchising the numerous species that desperately need this unique habitat.

The time to protect the lagoons is now. Please don't let opposition from the Pacific Shores Water District dilute your resolve. There are so many conflicts of interest there, and the few local people who are so vocal about this issue are interested solely in feathering their own nests at the expense of both wildlife and the general public.

I would especially like to thank the SCC Board and staff for their leadership on this critical coastal conservation project. I have released rails, bitterns, coots and numerous other birds back into this wonderful area, as well as having spent hours kayaking on Lake Earl. You have my heartfelt appreciation for your efforts to protect this unique and irreplaceable portion of our state's natural heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Grady".

Pat Grady
Flight Feathers Wild Bird Rescue

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May 10, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

BY FAX: 510-286-3840

Subject: Support for Pacific Shores Project, Phase II

Dear Mr. Morabito:

World Wildlife Fund's Klamath-Siskiyou field office has been working on protection and restoration initiatives in northern California and southern Oregon for nearly six years. As an organization, WWF has focused field activities on this region because of its global importance as a center of biodiversity. Estuaries and marshes along the coast of the Klamath-Siskiyou provide unique habitats and unusual species assemblages to the forested mountains and roaring rivers that make up the bulk of the landscape. Among these estuarine habitats, Lake Earl is the single most impressive and necessary feature to protect and recover and we are in strong support of the proposed State Coastal Conservancy funding for Phase II of the Pacific Shores Project.

We are enthusiastic about the success that the Smith River Alliance (the alliance) has demonstrated the first phase of the project. It is truly impressive that 140 lots have been conveyed to the State of California and included in the Lake Earl Wildlife Area. Further, it is a testament to the strength of the project that the alliance has received an additional 400 inquiries from other interested sellers after phase I was completed.

With approval of Phase II, the alliance will be able to leverage this demonstrated landowner interest in the Program. This could result in the addition of as many as 175 acres to the Lake Earl Wildlife Area.

The Wildlife Conservation Board has earmarked \$3,000,000 in purchase money to acquire lots from willing sellers, and the public is fortunate that a nonprofit group (like the alliance) would identify willing sellers, negotiate, and prepare purchase agreements. This opportunity may not present itself again. The State Coastal Conservancy should seize this chance to build on the success and momentum from phase I.

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Mr. Paul Morabito

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In conclusion, WWF thanks the State Coastal Conservancy Board and staff for their leadership on this exciting and much needed coastal conservation project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "R. R." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Program Officer, Klamath-Siskiyou Ecoregion

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FROM : R. PETERSON

FAX NO. : 4579632

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STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY BOARD,

My family feels blessed to live in the tree covered relatively pristine area near the free flowing Smith River in Northern California. My entire family (loggers, hikers, hunters, birders, boaters, fisherpeople and more) are in total agreement that we, as citizens of this great nation, have the awesome responsibility of protecting our endangered forests and waterways, particularly Lake Earl Lagoon.

The nonprofit Smith River Alliance (SRA) has begun to acquire lots within the Pacific Shores subdivision. Acting much like a land trust, the SRA buys the lots from willing sellers and immediately turns them over to the State, for inclusion in the Lake Earl Wildlife Area. Since Dec., SRA has received more than 350 inquiries from lot owners wishing to sell. My entire family, the eclectic bunch mentioned above, support this intelligent and realistic approach to further the restoration of one of our nations great water ecosystems. We fervently believe that this precious area will be an essential part of our future eco-tourist economy and a beacon of pride for our community. There is a small group of people involved in what is widely regarded by the majority of residents here as Florida Swampland West or Shadowy Pacific Shores Subdivision, the 40 year and counting phantom money burning boondogle. These selfish, misguided few should not be allowed to prevent the restoration of one of Americas greatest precious natural resources, Lake Earl Lagoon

My family requests that the State Coastal Conservancy Board consider funding more of the Alliance's work. This will be money well spent. It will be a great benefit to our communities economic growth and become a place of pride-a proud beacon of our precious American natural heritage that will be enjoyed by all.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION,
Ron Peterson & Family
PO Box 142
Gasquet CA 95543-0142

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS
LETTER AS MY FAMILIES
OFFICIAL COMMENT.
THANK YOU.

Ron Peterson & Family
Ron Peterson & Family

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May 13, 2004

State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Pacific Shores Project, Phase II

Mr. Morabito, Chairman

Dear Sir:

Del Norte County tourism is greatly enhanced by the reclamation of the Lake Earl Wildlife Area. This region of coastal forest, dunes, and wetlands is the centerpiece for our widely recognized Aleutian Goose Festival as example. As you may know, restoration and protection cannot be effective without the annexation of the doomed Pacific Shores Real Estate Subdivision.

Those of us in the County's lodging industry wish to thank you and the SCC for being the spearhead in making possible the saving much of this coastal area. The Smith River Alliance is making wonderful progress in acquisition of lots within the subdivision due to your funding. Phase I has gone very well, and we wish to encourage your further patronage under the proposed Phase II.

Yours truly,



Stephen D. Burris
Owner, Prince Island House
12570 S. Indian Road
Smith River, CA 95567

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May 14, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Support for Pacific Shores Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Morabito:

This letter is written to ask that you support the continuation of the Pacific Shores Program to expand the Lake Earl Wildlife Area through the acquisition of lots in the Pacific Shores subdivision.

As the former owner of two lots in the subdivision, which I had inherited from my parents who purchased the property in the 1960's, I had once hoped that development of the area might someday be completed to allow the construction of homes, etc. However, over the past decades it has become obvious that environmental concerns in the area far outweigh the objectives of the Pacific Shores Water District. Wetland conditions on, or near, one of my lots, and the presence of the Oregon Silverspot butterfly on the western lot, convinced me that development there was extremely unlikely.

Also, the fact that the vast majority of the property taxes on those lots were going to the Water District for a system that was never installed was becoming a financial burden with no foreseeable remedy.

As a retired wildlife biologist and resource manager, I felt that protection of the natural resources of the Lake Earl area, was the way to go. Therefore, I decided to sell my property, working with the Smith River Alliance under their program. The Alliance has handled the transaction in a very professional and timely manner. In a matter of a few weeks after I decided to sell the property I received the escrow papers, accurately prepared, and in only 30 days escrow closed and my checks were in the mail.

I believe that the approval of Phase II will allow the Smith River Alliance to continue to respond to landowner interest in the program.

Sincerely,

David E. Babb

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Bishop, CA 93515

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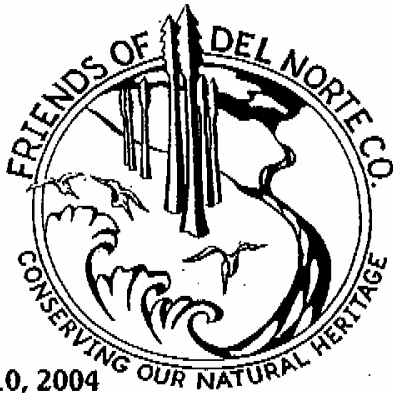
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May 10, 2004

Paul Morabito
Chair, California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

RE: Support for Pacific Shores Feasibility Study Phase II

The Friends of Del Norte, a nonprofit volunteer organization, has represented county residents desiring to protect our natural environment for 30 years now. The empty Pacific Shores paper subdivision, which is 41 years old this year, has been a priority for resolution during the entire life time of our organization. Therefore we want to support and commend the California Coastal Conservancy for continuing to fund this historic program in Phase II.

Few issues in Del Norte County have consumed as much time and money as this ill-conceived, unfortunate subdivision. Finally, all parties agree that the current number of lots in the subdivision cannot be developed and must be drastically reduced. As almost each and every lot has its own compelling habitat value, as well as cumulative significance for restoration of the Lake Earl lagoon, the acquisition of any lots will be an unprecedented win/win event.

It is also vitally important to acquire these lots because they are, to this day, being bought cheap and sold at greatly inflated prices, without disclosure, by large auction houses. You will be helping to protect innocent people.

We cannot do or say enough to recognize and appreciate the Conservancy's leadership. Thank you for providing the State of California a means of addressing this issue.

Sincerely,

Joe Gillespie
Chair, The Friends of Del Norte

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Lake Earl Coastal Lagoon Alliance

Committed to Restoring the Wild Lagoon

"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water."

Loren Easley

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Dear Morabito:

RE: Support for Pacific Shores Feasibility Study Phase II

We support this important item on your May 27th agenda. Your funding of this program is absolutely essential to the life of the largest estuarine coastal lagoon in the western continental United States.

The Lake Earl lagoon and its uplands comprise a gem of biodiversity of statewide and national significance, prompting the formation of our multi-state Lake Earl Coastal Lagoon Alliance to advocate for the protection and restoration of this unique wetlands complex.

As you may know, these lagoon wildlands are home to 300 bird species; 250 plant varieties; 50 mammal species, including black bear, cougar, coyote, fox and bobcat; 21 fish species, and numerous threatened and endangered species such as bald eagle, brown pelican, tidewater goby and snowy plover. Estuarine waters are, along with coral reefs and tropical rain forests, the most biologically productive on the planet and among the most endangered.

Thank you for providing Del Norte County and the State of California a means of addressing these issues.

Sincerely,

Joe Gillespie
On behalf of
the Lake Earl Coastal Lagoon Alliance

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May 9, 2003

K. Gear

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Morabito:

This letter is to inform of my strong support for the proposed State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) funding for Phase II of the Pacific Shores Project.

I understand that under Phase I of this project, the Smith River Alliance (SRA) has already conveyed nearly 140 lots to the State of California for inclusion in the Lake Earl Wildlife Area and has another 400 inquiries from interested sellers.

Funding of Phase II would allow SRA to possibly purchase another 330 lots, and add 175 acres, to the Lake Earl Wildlife Area.

This is a fantastic opportunity that may never come again. I urge your support for this most important project.

Sincerely yours,



Ron Kuhnel
1604 G Street
Eureka, CA 95501

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**Ronald W. and Donna M. Thompson
320 Napa Street Crescent City, CA 95531-8103
May 13, 2004**

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

BY FAX: 510-286-3840

Dear Mr. Morabito:

Re: Support for Pacific Shores Program Phase II

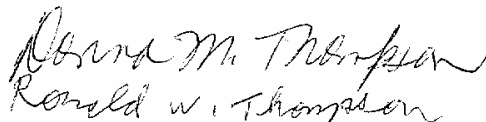
My husband and I have been following the Lake Earl/Pacific Shores subdivision "drama" for years and are very, very happy that the first group of Pacific Shores lots is being conveyed to the State and will become part of the Lake Earl Wildlife Area. Phase I of the Pacific Shores Program appears to be a rousing success!

We understand that landowner interest is high, with many more lot owners ready and willing to sell, and we wholeheartedly urge your approval of Phase II of this program.

We support approval of continued funding to transform the impossible subdivision to wildlife area **now**, while this window of opportunity is open. We deeply appreciate the Smith River Alliance's role in providing the necessary task of footwork and paperwork, and urge that the process continue.

Finally, we thank the SCC Board and staff for leadership on this crucial coastal conservation project. Thank you, also, for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Donna M. Thompson and Ronald W. Thompson. The signature of Donna M. Thompson is written in cursive and is positioned above the signature of Ronald W. Thompson, which is also in cursive.

Ronald W. and Donna M. Thompson

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JOHN MESSINA

P.O. Box 51148, San Jose, CA. 95148 (408) 238-4767

California Coastal Conservancy
And Members along with the Senate and Assembly Representatives
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, Ca. 94612

Re: May 27, 2004 Board Meeting - Consent Item m.
Pacific Shores Feasibility Study Phase II funding

May 21, 2004

Greetings,

I am writing as a property owner in Del Norte County and in the Pacific Shores subdivision to express my **OPPOSITION** to the Pacific Shores Feasibility Study, Phase II funding to be considered on your agenda because:

Primarily, I am appalled that the California Coastal Commission and California Fish & Game would use building restrictions as a means of extortion to force people to sell their land at below market prices.

There are no "willing sellers" when citizens' land is held under siege by government agents who are conspiring to force the legal owners to sell at below market prices by depriving them of their right to develop their property.

There are numerous other reasons to oppose funding this program:

1. Del Norte county needs the tax revenue from the development of Pacific Shores Subdivision. The county does not even have enough money to keep the doors to the county offices open full time. The revenues from the development of Pacific Shores would create about \$2,000,000 (two million) in annual tax revenues for the county.
2. Seventy percent of Del Norte County is already government owned. Most of it being National Forest or wildlife conservation areas.

There are currently 5,000 acres of adjacent conservation and recreation land protected through the Department of Fish & Game's Lake Earl Wildlife Area.

Is the need for an additional few acres really worth forcing 1,535 homeowners off of their property?

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Do environmentalists really need every piece of land there is? Perhaps they should restore all of Crescent City to its original state as well. Why is Pacific Shores being singled out?

3. And why is more money being spent on acquisition than on the actual purchase price?
4. Pacific Shores is not a "white hole". It is a designated "planned community" that existed long before the creation of the Coastal Commission that is now obstructing its development.
5. There are also incorrect references to Pacific Shores as being "undeveloped save for roads". The truth is that Pacific Shores was fully developed subdivision including electricity and telephone service except for private wells and sewage systems as is normal in that county area.
6. Contrary to the claims of the proponents, there are many developed and semi-developed lots with in this planned community. People are being forced out of their homes by the conservationists.
7. With modern technologies, there is nothing preventing the safe and appropriate development of Pacific Shores lots except for the obstructions of the California Dept. Of Fish & Game and California Coastal Commission.
8. There are consistent references to the lots at Pacific Shores as being only one-half acre when they are actually three-quarters to one acre in size.
9. At the last meeting of the Fish & Game Commission, they stated homeowners had an opportunity to review and comment on the assessments. That is not true, Homeowners have had no such opportunity.

Very truly yours,

John Messina

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Karyn Gear

From: Aseydoux@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, May 22, 2004 1:53 PM
To: kgear@scc.ca.gov
Subject: Pacific Shores Phase 2 Feasibility Study

I respectfully request that you deny the funds of \$353,400 to Smith River Alliance, Inc. for the Pacific Shores Phase 2 Feasibility Study.

As a property owner and environmentalist who has been trying to get a permit to build a small A-frame on my land in Pacific Shores for some 30 odd years, I have been aware of all the on-going strategies to devalue this property - which includes the existing flora and fauna. There has been flooding without previous environmental studies resulting in both damage to the environment and manufactured low appraisals by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

The pre-acquisition planning activities as presented are based on misinformation and will not accomplish any goal of fair treatment for the "willing sellers." At this point, there are no willing sellers - only those who have effectively been deprived of the use of their land. This study will continue the actions of undue pressures on property owners.

The Board of the Coastal Conservancy needs to study in depth the relationship of the SRA and Pacific Shores Water District before taking any action.

Sincerely yours,

Toni Berger Seydoux

5/24/2004